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MICHIGAN BOARD OF AUDIOLOGY MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2008

APPROVED MINUTES

In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, 1976, PA 267, as amended, the Michigan Board of Audiology met in regular session on November 14, 2008, at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Parking, Lansing, Michigan.

CALL TO ORDER

Gyl Kasewurm, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Michael Seidman, M.D.
Srinivas Mukkamala, M.D. (arrived 10:18 a.m.)
Virginia Schroeder
Steven Kauffman, Public Member
Joe Kollaritsch, Public Member (arrived 10:18 a.m.)
Lari Korpela, Vice-Chairperson
Gyl Kasewurm, Chairperson

Members Absent:

Karen Jacobs
Diane Zuchschwerdt

Staff Present:

Bonnie Curtis, Secretary
Rae Ramsdell, Director, Licensing Division
Amy Shell, Manager, Licensing Division

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Seidman, seconded by Kauffman, to approve the minutes of the February 29, 2008 meeting as presented.

MOTION PREVAILED

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION by Kauffman, seconded by Schroeder, to approve the agenda with the following additions:

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, add **F. DSC Report** and **G. Election of Officers**

MOTION PREVAILED

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

INTRODUCTIONS

Kasewurm had Board members and staff introduce themselves.

REVIEW OF LICENSURE RENEWAL POLICIES

Kasewurm inquired if there has been any problems with the renewal process and if Board members understand the process.

Ramsdell stated that in the spring of 2009, the Bureau will begin to audit licensees who are renewing to verify that they have completed the required continuing education (CE) courses.

UPDATE ON CEU REQUIREMENTS

Kasewurm stated that twenty (20) hours of CE are required to renew licenses.

Ramsdell explained what types of CE are acceptable and that the Board may need to open the Administrative Rules to allow additional types such as teleconference and webinars.

INFORMATION ON IMPACT OF LICENSURE ON "DISCOUNT PROGRAMS"

Kasewurm inquired if anyone selling hearing aids is required to be licensed in Michigan.

Shell stated that anyone selling hearing aids in Michigan must be licensed. Shell further stated that the only recourse for action against a person selling hearing aids without a license in Michigan is to report them to the Attorney General's office or the local prosecuting attorney's office.

Discussion followed regarding the responsibility of audiologists having a business relationship with hearing aid dealers to ensure that the hearing aid dealer is properly licensed.

Shell stated that the Bureau would discuss this matter further with the Bureau of Commercial Services which licenses hearing aid dealers.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Ramsdell reported that the Bureau has started criminal background checks and fingerprinting for all new applicants and explained the process.

DISCIPLINARY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

Kauffman reported that the Disciplinary Subcommittee (DSC) accepted the Consent Order and Stipulation presented at the last meeting.

Ramsdell explained the types of cases that go before the full Board and DSC.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Kauffman, seconded by Schroeder, to re-elect Kasewurm as chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

Kasewurm was re-elected chairperson.

Motion by Schroeder, seconded by Seidman, to re-elect Korpela as vice-chairperson.

MOTION PREVAILED

Korpela was re-elected vice-chairperson.

PUBLIC COMMENT


None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on February 13, 2009 at the Ottawa Building, 611 W. Ottawa, Conference Room 1, Upper Level Conference Center, Lansing, Michigan.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mukkamala, seconded by Korpela, to adjourn the meeting at 11:18 a.m.



Gyl Kasewurm, Chairperson

2-13-09

Date minutes approved



Bonnie Curtis, Secretary

11-14-08

Date minutes prepared